

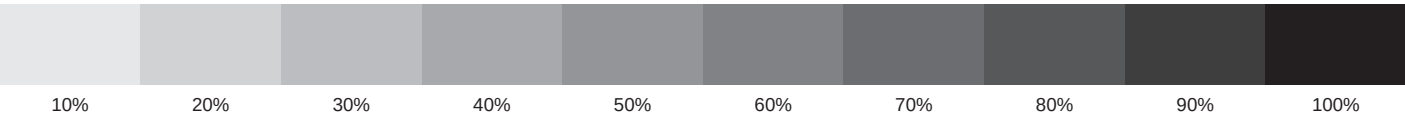
Black Test Page

Print on plain A4 at 100% / "Actual size". Turn OFF "Fit to page" and draft/economy mode.

1. Solid black Should be deep and even. No grey bands, white lines or blotches.



2. Grey steps All 10 steps should be visible and evenly spaced from light to dark.



3. Text sharpness Edges should be crisp, with no fuzz, ghosting or doubled letters.

6pt The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 0123456789 ABCD
8pt The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 0123456789 ABCD
10pt The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 0123456789 ABCD
12pt The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 0123456789 ABCD
18pt The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

9pt serif The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 0123456789 ABCDEFGHIJKLM

4. Fine lines & alignment Lines should be solid and unbroken; vertical lines straight, not jagged.



What your print is telling you

Solid black looks grey/patchy	Ink or toner is low. On a laser, take the toner out and rock it side to side, then reprint.
White lines across (inkjet)	Blocked nozzles. Run the printer's head-cleaning cycle once or twice, then reprint. Don't run more than 3 in a row.
Light streak down the page (laser)	Low toner, a dirty laser/LED window, or a worn drum.
Light grey steps missing	Draft/economy mode is on, or the paper type setting is wrong.
Fuzzy or doubled text	Print head needs aligning (inkjet), or a worn drum/fuser (laser).
Jagged vertical lines	Run the printer's print-head alignment from its maintenance menu.
Toner rubs off with a finger	Usually a fuser fault, which needs a replacement part or a new printer.